

Certificate of further assessment

To: the Director of Area Mental Health Services, at: *Location*

Name of patient: *Full name*

Patient's date of birth:

Address:

I have examined the patient named above who is undergoing a five day further assessment which commenced on:

Date five day assessment commenced

I have carefully considered the patient's condition in relation to the statutory definition of mental disorder and my opinion is that:

The patient is not mentally disordered and is fit to be released from compulsory status

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There are reasonable grounds for believing that the patient is mentally disordered and that it is desirable that the proposed patient be required to undergo further assessment and treatment.

A copy of this certificate shall be sent to the following enclosing a statement of legal consequences of the above finding and the recipient's right to apply to the Court for a review of the patient's condition:

- The patient
- Any welfare guardian of the patient
- The applicant who applied for assessment
- The patient's principal caregiver
- The primary health care provider who usually attended the patient immediately before assessment.
- A district inspector
- An official visitor

This certificate is issued by:

Name of responsible clinician who conducted the assessment examination

Business address and telephone number of responsible clinician

Signature of responsible clinician *Date*

- Full particulars of the reasons for the opinion on the patient's condition and any relevant reports from other health professionals.
- A copy of any notice given to the patient requiring further period of assessment and treatment under section 13(1).

This statement is to advise you of the legal consequences of the finding set out in the *Certificate of further assessment - Section 12*

The finding is that there are reasonable grounds for believing that the patient **is mentally disordered** and the patient is required to undergo further assessment and treatment under this Act.

The patient will be given a notice requiring him or her to attend a stated place for further assessment and treatment for 14 days.

Any person who receives a copy of the Certificate of further assessment may apply to the Court for a review of the patient's condition.

If you wish to apply to the Court for a review of the patient's condition, the following people may be able to help you:

- the district inspector
- the official visitor
- your legal representative
- the patient's responsible clinician
- a patient advocate (if one is available)
- the registrar of the nearest District Court

Section 16 of the Mental Health (Compulsory Assessment & Treatment) Act 1992 gives further details about the process of such a review.